

Serial No. 10/621,973
Amdt. dated Thursday, January 26, 2006
Reply to Nonfinal Office Action of July 28, 2005

REMARKS

The time for response in the present application has now been extended three months. Applicants have enclosed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with the requisite fee.

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 10-20 remain under active prosecution in the present application. Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are supported by the original disclosure and do not introduce new matter. Moreover, Applicants further respectfully assert that the amendments merely clarify the scope of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in a further divisional filing.

In the subject Office Action dated July 28, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

Claims 1-8 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-8 have now been cancelled.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,869,415 to Asbaghi. Claims 1-9 have now been cancelled.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,203,529 to Gabriel et al. Claims 1-9 have now been cancelled.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,641,555 to Botich et al. Claims 1-9 have now been cancelled.

The Examiner has now indicated that there is Allowable Subject Matter and that Claims 10-20 are allowed.

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims currently pending in the present application are in form for allowance.

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Accordingly, reconsideration of those claims, as amended herein, is earnestly solicited. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact their representative, Stephen R. Albainy-Jenei at (513) 651-6839 or salbainyjenei@fbtlaw.com.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

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